1. At the very end of story, Dr. Heidegger states that his friends have taught him a lesson. Write down the line that shows that the doctor had learned a lesson. Read the line and explain what it means. The final paragraph of the story again mentions this lesson. Was this lesson also taught to the four friends?
2. What is the moral of this story? Do you agree with this moral? Explain.
3. Should elderly people “become patterns of virtue and wisdom to all the young people of the age”? Why or why not?
4. Were Dr. Heidegger’s guests good examples of this pattern of virtue and wisdom? Why or why not?
5. Can you think of any examples of elderly people in public life who have or have not been examples of virtue and wisdom? Explain your answer?
6. Why do you think Dr. Heidegger selected these particular friends for this experiment?
7. If you could magically be younger or older than you are now, would you do it? Why or why not?
8. What do you think about the Fountain of Youth?
9. In your opinion, does our society respect the elderly as much as it should? Explain.